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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 7, 2005. Claims 3-6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 have been amended, and claims 1, 2, 7 and 10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 remain in the present application. Applicant notes and appreciates Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 3-6, 8, 9, 11 and 12. In view of the foregoing amendments, as well as the following remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in complete condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application in this regard.

While Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding rejections, Applicant has rewritten allowable dependent claims 3-6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 in independent form to accelerate prosecution of the present application and without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of canceled claims 1, 2, 7 and 10 in a continuation application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 3-6, 8, 9, 11 and 12 are allowable over the prior art of record.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing response including the amendments and remarks, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and early notice to this affect is earnestly solicited. If there is any issue that remains which may be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in order to resolve the same and expedite the allowance of this application.

Applicant does not believe that this response requires that any fees be submitted, however, if any fees are deemed necessary, these may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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